IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Applicant(s):

Shinichi NISHIKAWA

For:

METHOD OF MANUFACTURING OPTICAL ELEMENT

MADE OF GLASS

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Examiner:

Queenie S. Dehghan

Commissioner for Patents

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Dear Sir:

RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

This Response is filed in response to the Office Action dated December 17, 2007, which provides for a response period ending March 17, 2008.

A Petition for Extension of Time, to extend the response period for the Office Action, for two additional months to May 17, 2008, is being filed concurrently.

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